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Hi Andrea,

Here are the Region 8 hot topics. We may have some additional ones to send you on Monday.

Please let me know if you have any questions at all.

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Subject: Call for Hot Topics – due Friday, 2/6

Dear Regional Intergovernmental Liaisons,

It is time once again for Hot Topics! As you may know, OIR is working to prepare the Administrator for a number of upcoming engagements here in Washington, DC in the coming months, to include:

- The National Governors Association 2015 Winter Meeting (Feb. 20-23)
- A number of one-on-one meetings with certain (TBD) Governors (Feb. 20-23)
- The Western Governors' Association Breakfast Meeting with Cabinet Officials (Feb. 22)
- ECOS 2015 Spring Meeting (Mar. 16-18)

At this point, we do not have a list of RSVPs for the meetings, but we anticipate turnout to be similar to last year's events, and we will inform you when we receive confirmation of your respective Governors' attendance. Last year, approximately 40 Governors attended the NGA winter meeting, and 13 (of 22) Governors attended the WGA Breakfast. The ECOS meeting is still a ways off, but will also likely include the majority of states' environmental commissioners/directors.

Here is the format we are requesting for the Hot Topics. Please note we are only requesting the most hot-button topics in your states:

MAINE (Commissioner Pattie Aho / Governor Paul LePage)

- **Maine NOx Waiver and OTR Restructuring:** EPA issued final approval of Maine's NOx waiver on July 29 but did not finalize our proposed approval of Maine's Ozone Transport Region restructuring request. Commissioner Aho would like EPA to approve the OTR restructuring request as it would simplify the permitting process for some pending permit applications.

Please send a short summary of your Region's Hot Topics by COB **Friday, Feb. 6.**

Thanks,
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